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1. The entire supply and distribution of foodstuffs for the DDR is directed by a central office, the Main Department for Provisioning (Hauptabteilung Versorgung), which is headed by Prof. Dr. Carl Ritter and is part of the State Planning Commission. The main department fixes the ration card amount and the special foodstuff allotments for the sundry consumer groups and is alone responsible for pertinent legislation. The executive organ for the main department is the Ministry for Trade and Supply. This ministry determines the distribution to the sundry states and Kreise according to the number of nationalized and private farms. The ministry also sees that quotas are fulfilled.
2. The State Secretariat for Control and Purchasing of Agricultural Products (Staatssekretariat für Erfassung und Aufbau landwirtschaftlicher Erzeugnisse), headed by State Secretary Hermann Streit, to which the Unions of Nationalized Control and Purchasing Enterprises (Vereinigungen Volkseigener Erfassungs- und Aufkaufsbetriebe) (VVEAB) are subordinate, and the State Secretariat for the Food Industries (Staatssekretariat für Nahrungs- und Genussmittelindustrie), headed by State Secretary Rudolf Albrecht, which also is responsible for the most economical processing of agricultural products, are independent executive organs.
3. The DHZ Internal Reserve is responsible for the execution of orders issued by the DDR cabinet and by the SCC to build up the state reserves. The DHZ does not control the state reserve depot for foodstuffs but merely administers it.
4. The priority for the distribution of home-produced and imported foodstuffs is assigned as follows:
- Red Army in the Russian Zone (GSOV)
 - State reserve
 - Export and reparations
 - Privileged circles (party and government functionaries, working intelligentsia)

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e. General population

5. The supplying of the distribution points is done in the following order:

- a. the HO
- b. the "Konsum" (consumer cooperative)
- c. private business

The wholesale trade is conducted by the DHZ Foodstuffs in accordance with directives of the Main Department for Provisioning of the State Planning Commission.

6. In spite of the strenuous efforts of and the large investment of money by the DDR government, the planned peacetime agricultural yield per hectare has not yet been reached. In 1951, 142,500,000 east marks were invested, of which 26,600,000 was spent for improvements and 38,400,000 for machine lending stations (MAS). The plan for 1952 calls for an investment of 184,300,000 east marks, of which 63,700,000 is for the construction of 45 machine lending stations. The machine lending stations are being expanded considerably. This is attributable to a dearth of draft animals and to the great strategic importance of the MAS.
7. The DD⁴ balance sheet for supply and distribution in 1951 showing imports and home-grown foodstuffs is as follows. The amounts are in tons.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Home-grown</u>	<u>Imported</u>	<u>Total 1951</u>
Meat	582,600	79,500	662,100
Fish	84,200	62,000	146,200
Animal fats	48,700	36,200	84,900
Butter	76,600	32,300	108,900
Oil	54,200	16,200	70,400
Flour	1,246,100	346,000	1,592,100
Sugar	807,800	-	807,800
Potatoes	4,726,300	86,500	4,812,800

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8. The following is the 1955 plan for foodstuffs in the DDR. The amounts are in thousands of tons.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Import</u>	<u>Total</u>
Meat	924	26	950
Fish	212	74	286
Animal fats	245	-	245
Butter	100	28	128
Oil	88	17	105
Flour	1,900	-	1,900
Sugar	888	-	888
Potatoes	17,000	-	17,000

In 1951, foodstuffs were imported in part from the free world, but by 1953-1954 it is expected to import such items only from the East Bloc states.

9. The total supply of foodstuffs consists of inventories at the beginning of the year in processing plants, enterprises, and dealers' stocks, and also of production and imports. The distribution of the total supply is made in accordance with a priority schedule set up by the SCC economic planning commission in early 1949. Since the middle of 1951, this distribution of the state reserve (called the plan reserve in official terminology) has assumed greater importance.

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The priority schedule is as follows:

- a. Quota bearers (Kontingentträger)
- b. Reparations
- c. GSOV
- d. Export
- ✓ e. Plan reserve
- ✓ f. Material reserve
- g. Inventory 31 December 1951

10. In 1951, the foodstuffs were distributed to the "quota bearers" - that is, the DDR population, as follows. The amounts are in thousands of tons.

Meat	434.6
Fish	103.9
Animal fats	60.8
Butter	72.4
Oil	39.6
Flour	1,080.9
Sugar	423.9
Potatoes	3,413.2

True distribution figures cannot be arrived at from these amounts because the differentiation in the distribution to the population is too great. There are three groups supplied in the DDR; party and government functionaries, the HQ, the SAG and VEB plant cafeterias, and the normal consuming section of the population. Moreover substitutes are supplied to the third category in place of the meat and fat rations found on the ration cards.

11. In 1951, the foodstuffs were exported and delivered as reparations as follows (The amounts are in thousands of tons):

<u>Product</u>	<u>Export</u>	<u>Reparations</u>	<u>Total</u>
Meat	3.8	-	3.8
Fish	2.4	-	2.4
Animal fats	-	-	-
Butter	-	-	-
Flour	62.4	-	62.4
Sugar	104.3	82.7	187.0
Potatoes	426.3	134.2	560.5

The amounts under sugar reparations were not sent to the USSR but were used by the Russians in barter dealings with the West. The potatoes delivered as exports and reparations were mostly seed potatoes or were used to make up for poor harvests (in this case Poland).

12. In 1951, the foodstuffs were delivered to the Russian army as follows. The amounts are in thousands of tons.

Meat	96.7
Fish	18.6
Animal fats	8.6
Butter	28.4
Oil	3.1
Flour	275.2
Sugar	76.4
Potatoes	604.5

13. If part of the foodstuffs delivered to the Russian army in the Russian Zone exceed the requirements of the several troop units, it is sold to regional Russian zone authorities, or sales cooperatives (Konsum and HO). Other foods or consumer goods are purchased with the proceeds. The deliveries to the GSOV are credited as occupation costs.

14. Material reserves in the Russian Zone refer to those foodstuffs which are stored for further processing. As of the end of 1951 the material reserves in the plants were on hand in the following amounts. The amounts are in thousands of tons.

Meat	22.5
Fish	-
Animal fats	2.4
Butter	-
Oil	7.4
Flour	46.2
Sugar	35.7
Potatoes	158.7 (mainly for processing into potato starches and dried potatoes)

15. The state reserve of foodstuffs, officially designated the plan reserve, is subordinate to the DDR cabinet and the AGC. Some state reserve depots are under the People's Police. The state reserves can only be used by permission of the DDR cabinet, the AGC, or the People's Police.

16. The can containers necessary for the storing of foodstuffs are given production priority. The iron industry must give priority to the rolling of the needed strips and sheets. The following allocation of the sheet for tin can production was made in 1951. The amounts are in tons.

State reserve	7,240
Reparations	1,950
Civilian requirement	1,080
Export	2,160

Total	12,430
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A total production of 18,700 tons is planned for 1952.

SAG Thale/Harz, the VEB Kaltwalzwerk Bad Salzungen, and the VEB Kaltwalzwerk Oranienburg are producing the sheet for the most part.

17. In 1951, the following foodstuffs were stored in the state reserve. The amounts are in tons.

Meat	108.5
Fish	22.0
Animal fats	11.0
Butter	8.2
Oil	18.6
Flour	203.5
Sugar	115.0

In addition 8,500 tons of dried potatoes were stored.

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18. The following is a list of the principal state reserve storage depots.

Place	Product Stored	First Quarter 1952, Amounts in Tons	Maximum Capacity in Tons
Rostock-Marienehe	Fish, canned	4,250	6,700
Rostock-Branco	Grain	18,700	40 - 43,000
Fassnitz-Lancken	Fish, canned	8,700	11,300
Lauterbach on Rügen	Fish, canned	13,200	15 - 16,000
Wurzen/Saxony	Flour	32,650	40,000
Trietschmühle			
Oschatz/Saxony, right by Southern Railroad	Butter	1,760	4 - 5,000
Wine Wurzen-Riesa	Flour	17,200	4 - 21,000
Dresden, Harbor basin SSW	Meat	6,400	7 - 7,500
from Wettinerstr. railroad station	Fats	2,135	3,650
Magdeburg, Lieb- knechtstr.	Fats and oils	7,630	11 - 13,000
Burg, northwest of the railroad station near the Ihlekanal	Butter and other Fats	2,840	4 - 6,000
Anklam/Mecklenburg Blutalusterstr.	Sugar	7,360	12,000
Veiten/Brandenburg Berlinerstrasse	Dried potatoes	2,500	
Gotha/Thuringia Parkstrasse	Oil and animal fats	4,520	6,300
Doehlen/Saxony Zuckerfabrikstr.	Sugar	21,600	25 - 26,000
Chemnitz, Alt Chemnitzerstr.	Butter	3,725	5,800
Linz/Saxony Aschersleben-	Meat	24,250	30 - 32,000
Bhf. Nord	Meat	17,300	30,000
Riesa/Saxony	Oil and animal fats	15,200	19 - 21,000
Rostock, Werftstr.	Butter	2,870	8,500
Dessau, August-Bebel- Strasse	Sugar	42,700	50,000
Genthin/Saxony-Anhalt	Sugar	20,360	26,400
Dresden-Stockyard	Meat	21,200	40 - 45,000
Ostberlin, Behala	Grain	14,200	20 - 25,000
Osthafen, near the Warschauer Brücke			
Zwickau-Eckersbach	Meat	6,240	6,500 - 7,000
Leipzig-Möllau	Meat	8,530	11 - 14,000
Ostberlin Slaughterhouse	Meat	7,200	9 - 10,000
Erfurt-railroad station area	Meat	8,560	10 - 11,000
Halle-Trotha	Meat	11,750	14,600
Alisleben/Saxony- Anhalt	Sugar	2,760	3,200
Brottewitz near Liebenwerda	Sugar	4,200	5 - 7,000
Halle, Raffinerie- strasse	Sugar	7,460	9 - 11,000
Magdeburg-Sudenburg	Sugar	5,240	8 - 10,000
Zeitz/Saxony- Anhalt	Sugar	2,830	10 - 11,000
Mositz/Thuringia	Sugar	4,600	4,600

19. The following is a list of newly constructed cold storage plants.

Berlin, slaughterhouse	2,300 ton capacity for meat
Frankfurt/Oder freight station area	4,000 ton capacity for meat and fat
Dresden-Trachau	4,500 ton capacity for fats, meat, and eggs

Prenzlau at the corner of 109
and 198 streets

2,800 ton capacity for meat
and fats

These cold storage plants are for the use of the People's Police exclusively
and are managed by it.

20. The following are 1951 balance sheets for supply and distribution. The
amounts are in thousands of tons.

a. Supply of Meat

Inventory 1 January 1951		12.4
Production		582.6
Import from USSR	46.4	
elsewhere	<u>33.1</u>	<u>79.5</u>
		674.5

Distribution of Meat

Quota bearers	434.6
Reparations	-
GSOV	96.7
Export	3.8
Plan reserve	108.5
Material reserve	22.5
Inventory 31 December 1951	<u>8.4</u>
	674.5

b. Supply of Fish

Inventory 1 January 1951	6.8
Production	84.2
Import from USSR	8.8
elsewhere	<u>53.2</u>
	153.0

Distribution of Fish

Quota bearers	103.9
Reparations	-
GSOV	18.6
Export	2.4
Plan reserve	22.0
Material reserve	-
Inventory 31 December 1951	<u>6.1</u>
	153.0

c. Supply of Animal Fats

Inventory 1 January 1951	3.5
Production	48.7
Import from USSR	24.1
elsewhere	<u>12.1</u>
	88.4

Distribution of Animal Fats

Quota bearers	60.8
Reparations	-
GSOV	8.6
Export	-
Plan reserve	11.0
Material reserve	2.4
Inventory 31 December 1951	<u>5.6</u>
	88.4

d. Supply of Butter

Inventory 1 January 1951	4.6
Production	76.6
Import from USSR	26.1
elsewhere	<u>6.2</u>
	113.5

Distribution of Butter			
Quota bearers			72.4
Reparations			-
GSOV			28.4
Export			-
Plan reserve			8.2
Material reserve			-
Inventory 31 December 1951			<u>4.5</u>
			113.5
e. Supply of Oil			
Inventory 1 January 1951			5.1
Production			54.2
Import from USSR	12.7		
elsewhere	<u>3.5</u>		<u>16.2</u>
			75.5
Distribution of Oil			
Quota bearers			39.6
Reparations			-
GSOV			311
Export			-
Plan reserve			18.6
Material reserve			7.4
Inventory 31 December 1951			<u>6.8</u>
			75.5
f. Supply of Flour			
Inventory 1 January 1951			183.5
Production			1,246.1
Import from USSR	297.5		
elsewhere	<u>48.5</u>		<u>346.0</u>
			1,775.6
Distribution of Flour			
Quota bearers			1,080.9
Reparations			-
GSOV			275.2
Export			62.4
Plan reserve			203.5
Material reserve			46.2
Inventory 31 December 1951			<u>107.4</u>
			1,775.6
g. Supply of Sugar			
Inventory 1 January 1951			112.4
Production			807.8
Import			-
			<u>920.2</u>
Distribution of Sugar			
Quota bearers			423.9
Reparations			82.7
GSOV			76.4
Export			104.3
Plan reserve			115.0
Material reserve			35.7
Inventory 31 December 1951			<u>82.2</u>
			920.2
h. Supply of Potatoes			
Inventory 1 January 1951			107.5
Production			4,726.3
Import from USSR	-		
elsewhere	86.5		<u>86.5</u>
			4,920.3

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Distribution of Potatoes

Quota bearers	3,413.2
Reparations	134.2
GSOV	604.5
Export	426.3
Plan reserve	-
Material reserve	158.7
Inventory 31 December 1951	<u>183.4</u>
	4,920.3

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